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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John C. Delo Attorney Docket No. MSFT117222
Application No: 09/157,776 Group Art Unit: 2122
Filed: September 21, 1998 Examiner: W. Zhen
Title: SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND VALIDATION USING CUSTOM
ACTIONS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

November 26, 2001

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	1	Minus	31	=	0	x	18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	7	=	0	x	84.00	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee \$0.00
for this Amendment

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B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 27, 2001, set to expire on October 27, 2001, be extended by one month to expire on November 27, 2001.

Enclosed is our Check No. 133863 in the amount of:

<u>X</u>	\$110.00 (one month)	_____	\$920.00 (three months)
_____	\$400.00 (two months)	_____	\$1,440.00 (four months)

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the section beginning at page 1, line 2, to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application No. 09/157,776, filed on September 21, 1998 and entitled SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND VALIDATION USING CUSTOM ACTIONS. The subject matter of application No. 09/157,776 is specifically incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to the following applications, which were filed on September 21, 1998 and assigned to the same assignee as the parent application and titled: "Use of Relational Databases for Software Installation," nonprovisional U.S. patent application No. 09/158,125; and "Method and System for Restoring a Computer to its Original State," nonprovisional U.S. patent application No. 09/158,124.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 9-11, 15, and 20-21 as follows:

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